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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on August 20, 2007, Applicant hereby elects, without traverse, the Group IIa claims for further examination. The Group IIa claims are those directed to a method for decreasing TSNA's in plants by genetically engineering the plant to include at least one gene in a vitamin C biosynthetic pathway, wherein the pathway includes a *myo*-inositol oxygenase enzyme. Claims which read on this aspect of the invention are claims 13-16 and 19-20.

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